(b) what amount has been provided for his reception?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) A National Reception Committee of about 175 prominent Indians, drawn from all regions, political parties and walks of life, has been formed. A working Group of the Committee too was constituted for directing its activities.

(b) Adequate funds will be provided for his reception as and when necessary.

**Discretionary Powers of Governors**

1944. SHRI T.R. BALU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to curtail the discretionary powers of Governors in forming the Ministries in the States; and

(b) if so, by when the decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Amendment of Constitution in pursuance of Sarkaria Commission Recommendations**

1945. SHRI T.R. BALU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to amend the Constitution as recommended by the Sarkaria Commission; and

(b) if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b) As at present, there is no proposal before the Government to amend the Constitution on the recomendations of the Commission.

**New Treaty with Sri Lanka**

1946. SHRI T. R. BALU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to sign a new treaty with Sri Lanka; and

(b) if so, the nature of the treaty?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) (a) and (b) The Sri Lanka Government has proposed a Friendship Treaty, modelled on the Indo-Soviet Treaty, to replace the Letters Exchanged on 29th July, 1987 at the time of the signing of the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement. Government has conveyed its willingness in principle to sign such Treaty to accommodate Sri Lanka's request if a mutually agreed text can be negotiated.

**Widening of National Highway between Vijayawada and Chilakaluripeta**

1947. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to widen the National Highway between Vijayawada and Chilakaluripeta in Andhra Pradesh; if so, what is the cost involved therein and by when the project is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): Yes, Sir. Estimate for survey, investigation and project preparation of 4-laning Chilakaluripeta-Guntur-Vijayawada Section having a length of 82.95 Kms.